

**Budget & Finance Committee
Regular Meeting
September 7, 2005 – 3:30 p.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairperson Ann Marie Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. Those present: Harold Wilkes, Jeremy Weso and Kathy Kaquatosh. Those absent: Stephanie Awonohopay, Laurie Reiter, Jamie Loudbear-Wayka and Dan Maine. There was not a quorum present for the meeting.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to recess the meeting until tomorrow (September 8, 2005) at 8:30 a.m. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 4-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 3:52 p.m.

**Budget & Finance Committee
Recessed Meeting
September 8, 2005 – 8:30 a.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Vice-Chairperson Stephanie Awonohopay called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Those present: Jeremy Weso, Kathy Kaquatosh, Dan Maine and Harold Wilkes. Chairperson Ann Marie Johnson, Jamie Loudbear-Wayka, Laurie Reiter were absent. Also present for the meeting was, Mark Waukau, Warren Warrington, Dr. Donna Powless, Geraldine Sanapaw and Lynette Miller.

2. Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.

3. Discuss/Action on Endowment Committee-

Committee still believes there should be an endowment committee to review requests for money. Committee is not sure that the Legislature will approve it or not. Committee decided to send the idea to the Legislature anyway. If the Legislature doesn't want an endowment committee then the committee would like some direction on what to do with the issue.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to recommend that the Menominee Tribal Legislature develop an Endowment Committee consisting of five (5) members with one person from Finance, Social Services, Housing, Administration and a community member. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

4. Discuss/Action on Casino Found Money Policy-

Vice-Chairperson Awonohopay stated that the issue needs to be tabled until the Casino Gaming Board can review/discuss it.

Motion made by Dan Maine to table. Motion was seconded by Harold Wilkes. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

5. Discuss/Action on FY 2006 Tribal Budget-

Lynette Miller expressed her concern in the lack of communication between the Budget Committee and the directors. Lynette stated that directors should have input if their budgets are going to be cut and should be allowed to address those concerns before the budget goes to the Legislature.

Dr. Donna Powless was concerned because she was taken off the budget completely and not informed of it. Dr. Powless says now she will have to start doing some staff cuts.

Committee stated that the reason Tribal School was taken off the budget is because they receive a lot BIA funding and also have over 2 million dollars in investments. Annette Warrington and Pat Corn will work with Geraldine Sanapaw to readjust their budget and shift it around so it can be used.

Committee members stated that it was nothing personal in cutting the budgets and it was a VERY hard decision on where to cut. Vice-Chairperson Awonohopay stated that by taking Tribal School off the budget does not mean they (legislature) doesn't care about the school or the students that attend the school it's because the Tribal School has other sources of funding. Jeremy stated that many departments are 100% funded by Tribal dollars and if some of their budgets are cut anymore they would have to shut the department down. So one of the elements the committee looked at is if they have any other sources of funding.

Motion made by Harold Wilkes to send the revised FY 2006 Annual Tribal Budget to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for approval. Motion was seconded by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried. (Stephanie Awonohopay wanted it noted that even though she is Chair for this meeting she wanted her vote counted).

6. Other Business-

No other business was discussed.

7. Adjournment-

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services